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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re l	Patent Application of	)	
Jean-Marc FRANCES et al.		)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned (Corresponds to PCT/PCT/FR00/01571)		)	Examiner: Unassigned
International Filing Date: June 8, 2001		)	
For:	PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A RELEASE AND LEAKTIGHT COATING APPLIED TO A CYLINDER HEAD GASKET EMPLOYING A SILICONE MATERIAL	)	

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

## **BOX PCT**

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Amended) A process for carrying out impregnation and/or for preparing a coating which gives release and is leaktight employed at the *engine block/cylinder* head interface of engines and applied to sheet gaskets, comprising:
  - 1 employing a silicone composition